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Our flag's been raised both new and torn

Since long ago
this nation was born.

Two hundred steps
etched, well worn

This spiraling caravan
continues on.



The mushroom whispering...

Alone, Alone — I grow alone

And make and break as one

I take the dead and give you life

I've a beauty and purpose all my own

I am needed — that is why I'm here!

Yet I — I myself am deadly

Sitting in this world I destroy and —

create.

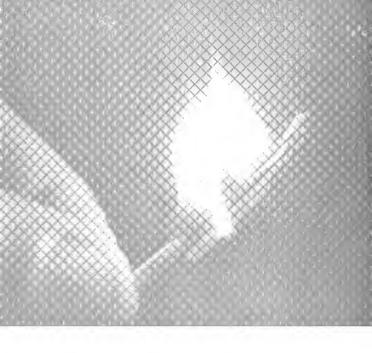
I am the mushroom of life.

You're like a dream that I remember In fall. . . when morning glory overrun the rose dried hedge. . . like a visage of bright memory.

And bird flocks waft together in migratory drifts.

When air grows cool, then sharp And spiders spin their grass webs. . . All this beauty does reflect but you You. . . like a dream that I remember.

Ana Simon



who says it's wrong

i went to town thee other day
and at a news stand i saws thees man
he was reading outlawed contreband
i says to thees man I say man don't you know that's Wrong
he says to me he says who says it's Wrong
so i says who says it's Right
so that man walked away
then i meself started to page through that pornographic
material
so thees high class elderly gentile man says son don't
you know thats Wrong

i says who are you to say it's Wrong
i'm the reverend john hoover he says, then says its

so i puts it away and follows him home and sat on thees long bench wit many other peoples on thee big door outside it said "Enter You Are All Welcome in God's Home" so i thought's thees was the Man himself then he started talking and everyone listened and sos did i.

he said we was all God's children but he no look like my pa

and wit a smile he said God's only wish was that we be fair to everyone

and we'd all be saved, but I wasn't dying then they passed thees wicker basket at me and everyone was puttin' in shiny coins

but i had none sos i puts in thees little acorn theys all laughed and said quit wit thee games so i says fine wit me, so then they throws me out on thee steps

God just smiled
then thee man wit thee wicker basket says that was
Wrong
so i says who says it's Wrong and he says who says it's
Right
so i walked away without me acorn

Michael Schnatz

Death's Rainbow

Yellow sun glowing in the field Blues running to the greens Red spills on the ground Orange sunset is cast over all. . . . War's Kaleidoscope has come again.

George Shimko



Everything around

me

Reflects the time we've spent
together

The sun, moon, stars, springwaters and
winter crystals.

My life is mirrored by the seasons and my
thoughts of

George Shimko

уои.



Sunday Mornings

The crunch of the cinders as I cross the tracks I heard it many times as I now think back.

Glistening grass from gold sunlight. Some Daffodils with petals bright. The arbor stands gaunt on the hill, With branches naked and barren still.

Timothy bouncing in the waves. of April's breeze which fills the trees. The steady humming of the bees sounding like endless lisping "Z"'s.

The muddy road I walk along
My treads keep rythm to a song,
Which deep inside, the beat I know.
The Mockingbirds rap to and fro
looking for quarry high and low.

I see the barn now. What a rustic scene. . .field stone walls and weathered wood.

Round hard snouts with beady eyes Cloven feet scurry with surprise. Burley Aberdeens walk with lengthy strides. Hooks and pins under glossy hides.

The damp marsh, yet, grey and brown with Herefords lying on the ground. Leghorn, Yorkshire, Maine Anjou, Cheviot, Hampshire, and a Suffolk ewe.

Like the cat perched beneath the canopy I hope this walk will always have access for me.

Joseph G. Lalli



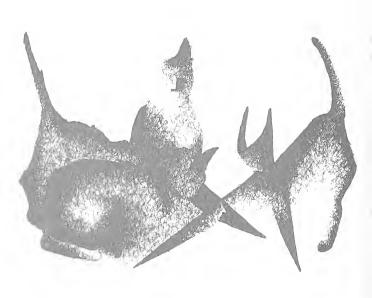
Lovers love cuts so deep, carving their names, leaving tree to weep. Autumn comes and lone lover returns

To tree cut memories, on the world turns.

Slowly loves memories drift away. . . One year has passed since that day. In different forest, in a love so new. . . Old forgotten tree,

only one seed grew.

James Forsyth



Little Glass Animal

The inner stress increasing
Cracking once more
The common glass animal. . .
Worn around her neck. . .
As close as I will ever come
To her burning sapphire heart.
So near. . . yet held by a chain. . .
So eternally far. . .
So impossibly far.

El.

Aspen leaves. . . trembling like my heart in a light breeze.

Shade falling. . . green and grey Dappled on an overcast day. . . like my mind.

Aspen leaves. . . rattling in rough air demanding as my love.

Wet breeze. . . portending pale rain. . .

Aspen leaves falling

midst

my dream.

Ana Simon

Railroads and crossroads can stand so silently

Watching, if not daring, our hearts to become free.

Cold steel and silence, even in dark of night

Will never shake us from this love we hold so tight.

It isn't often that one may find That special person who can ease your mind. Everyone's dreampt, and dreaming can be real. But all too well we know, being is to feel.

We've been to a place where our hearts were so tranquil
With the sun in our faces, our eyes very still.

This place of which I speak, this place we know so well

Is not the source of our joy, but is where our love dwells.

Kevy



She stands strong and still. . .
obeying when the wind calls and
meditating
when it is silent.
She is a thousand years old,
a hundred years old
two weeks old. . .
still in the wind. . .
she is forever.

The wind teaches her all she should know and what it doesn't teach her she learns from her own feelings.

And these things are all true because she has told me.

She often talks to me while I sit in her hranches

George Shimko

September Love

They are entangled in each other.

They love each other with all the love that each has. She could not live without him...he would not survive without her.

It is at the break of day when they renew their love, it is at the end of day when they are both silent.

But it is in the morning, with the singing of birds and the stirring of life that they are one in each other. For in the morning, they both perform their acts of love. In the morning he touches her like a man touches a woman in the first and final stages of love. For in the morning she opens to him and he to her.

They are beautiful together...

the morning glory and the sun.

George Shimko



